

<u>City of Borger</u> Park Recreation Program 2015

Dear Friends of Our Community,



The City of Borger is very excited to start planning our Park Recreation Program 2015. Our Program is free and reaches out to children 1st grade through starting 8th grade. Our goal is that each child receives the same attention, rewards, and fun equally, regardless of financial status. It is very important to us to provide an exciting and fun filled summer to as many children as possible. All meals are provided free of charge, by a grant from the Borger Independent School District.

The Program begins Monday, June 8 and ends Friday, July 31, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are offering more bus stops for the children this year to reach more children and prevent them from walking a long distance to a bus stop. Bus stops will be added to our route if there isn't a stop close to the child's home. Aides will offer help and guidance with athletics; basketball, volleyball, and baseball. We have two (2) mottos for Park Recreation: "Everyone needs a good role model" and "Get UP, Get Out and Get Active." In addition to planned activities, the children also have the park and water park area to play in, with supervision.

With every new year the Park Recreation program finds new and exciting things for the children to participate in. This year the Don Harrington Discovery Center will bring their programs to the children of Park Recreation.

On Friday, June 12 the Discovery Center will present; Critter's Live, the children will have the opportunity to get up-close with snakes, lizards, tarantulas and other small animals.

On Friday, June 26 the Discovery Center will present; KABOOM, oxygen, fuel and an ignition source. From coffee creamer fireballs to barking dog rocket reactions, KABOOM, explores the science of combustion with demonstrations that will leave the children cheering for more.

On Friday, July 10, the Discovery Center will present; Sciencepalooza the newest and wackiest experiments in the science live! Demonstrating the Incredible Shrinking Bag; Egg-citing Physics; the dissolving Spoon and more.

On Monday, July 27 the Discovery Center will present; The Science of Magic, Magician's secrets revealed.

All the programs will be at the Johnson Park Youth Center and will start at 9 a.m.

We desperately need help providing snacks and special activities for the children. The children are given popsicles several times a day because of the heat; every time the children go to an activity they receive a snack so that everyone is given the same snack. We welcome children from Borger, Stinnett and Fritch because we want to reach as many children as possible to provide them with a Fun and Safe summer. We desperately <u>do not</u> want to turn any child away from our program.

Monday

We will have BOUNCY HOUSE MONDAY AT THE JOHNSON PARK YOUTH CENTER GYM We try to have special surprise activities for the children on Monday.

The Sheriff's Posse has an annual rodeo for the children every summer.

Tuesday/Thursday

Johnson Park Youth Center; swimming 9:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.; Lunch; back to the park for fun games and Borger Middle School for snack.

Wednesday

Fun and games in the park; Lunch; Skating at the Skating Rink 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. We ask each child to bring \$3.00 and the City pays an additional dollar to provide a drink and snack for each child. If a child is unable to pay, the City of Borger will pay entire amount if needed. Borger Middle School for snack.

Friday

The children come to Johnson Park Youth Center and play in the gym, rock wall and the youth center. The City of Borger provides staff members and many extras including (watermelon, popcorn, popsicles, snow cones, etc.) and donates facilities at Johnson Park Youth Center and its employees (swimming, gym, youth center). The Park Recreation Program would appreciate any donation that you could give to help us make this summer special for all children. Our promise to you is that every penny that you donate to our program <u>WILL</u> benefit a child in need.

Thank You,

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